the Indus Basin Water to *Kachchha* looking to it s geographic situation and hydrological condition same as to Rajasfhan?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) and (b) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to revise the Indus Water Treaty between India and Pakistan.

(c) and (d) Government of Gujarat has submitted proposals for allocation of the waters of the Western Rivers of Indus basin to the Kutch region of Gujarat on the plea that it is a part of this basin. It has further requested that this water share of the Western Rivers be given to the Kutch region through the Eastern Rivers by extension of the existing Indira Gandhi canal of Rajasthan.

(e) No, Sir. It is not permissible to allocate Indus waters to the Kutch region of Gujarat according to the existing Indus Waters Treaty as no part of the state of Gujarat lies in the Indus basin.

Financial assistance to Andhra Pradesh for development of Irrigation Projects

2779. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has urged the Central Government to help and provide financial assistance for implementing an action plan to develop irrigation sources at a cost of Rs. 10,000 crores; and

(b) if so, the assistance Government have agreed to provide to the State Government in completing these irrigation projects?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) As per the draft X Plan proposals Government of Andhra Pradesh has proposed an outlay of Rs. 10075.77 crore in X Plan for irrigation sector.

(b) The Central Government is providing Central Loan Assistance (CLA) udner Accelerated Irrigation projects which are in an advanced stage of completion and an amount of Rs. 663.801 crore has been released for 10 projects in Andhra Pradesh since inception of this programme in 1996-97.